

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS22734

Idaho Code 56-255 (3) (e) (ii) describes Medicaid services for people with developmental disabilities. The total amount of Medicaid developmental disability services a person can receive is limited by an individual budget amount, determined by a formula based on individual assessments. In 2011, H 260 added language to this Section which limited individual budget modifications to only those services needed to protect the health or safety of the person. One unintended consequence of this change was that it prohibited budget modifications that would allow the person to obtain or maintain employment. Medicaid can pay for Community Supported Employment (CSE) services or specialized training and support for a person with a developmental disability in a job setting. The effect of this limitation was to reduce the number of people getting on-the-job training and support, from 275 participants in 2010, to 182 participants in 2013. This bill would allow people with developmental disabilities to modify their individual budgets by adding Community Supported Employment services to their plan, when these services are needed to obtain or maintain employment. Any such modifications would still be subject to Department rules.

### FISCAL NOTE

In 2010, the year before H 260 limited participants' budget modifications to health and safety concerns, 275 people received CSE services costing \$1,663,805. In 2013, 182 people received CSE services costing \$970,019. If services were restored to the level they were in 2010, it would cost Medicaid a total of \$693,784. If we assume that there could be a 10% increase in services over the 2010 level, the cost would be \$810,164. Because approximately 71% of the total cost is paid by the federal government, the total fiscal impact to the State General Fund would not exceed \$235,000. It would likely be much less since it will take some time to build back up to the 2010 level of participation, and in many cases the CSE services would reduce the need for other Medicaid services such as developmental therapy.

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